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Dear Henry:

Referring to your letter of 15 May 1984 forwarding the reclama-  
of your Historical Office regarding material proposed for inclusion  
in Foreign Relations of the United States, 1955-57, Vietnam, we have  
again reviewed the documents in question and made the following  
determinations:

1. 510 VM 67 - We reaffirm our previous determination  
that the document cannot be declassified for publication at  
this time, since it treats with [redacted]  
arrangements.

2. 510 VM 129 and 510 VM 130 - We cannot approve the  
use of "CIA Files" as the source for the same reasons previously  
cited. In addition, it appears that the information contained  
in both documents is included in the basic memorandum, although  
not in the detail which is in the editorial note and footnote.  
In regard to footnotes, we could not locate footnote 3 in 510 VM 130.

3. 510 VM 181 - While we cannot approve release of the  
entire document, since it contains specific [redacted]  
[redacted], we can release the factual rundown of the  
internal political situation in South Vietnam which begins  
with the headliner "Facts Bearing on the Problem" and continues  
to the headliner "Details of the Proposal." Our objection is  
to that material which relates to the [redacted]

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During the course of the review of 510 VM 67, to which you had attached a copy of 510 VM 39, we looked more closely at the latter document, and unfortunately determined that additional portions, which treat of [ ] arrangements, will have to be deleted. We have indicated these additional deletions in red on the enclosed copy of the document.

We hope that the above comments and modifications will prove helpful in bringing this FRUS volume closer to publication.

Sincerely,

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Chief, Classification Review Division  
Office of Information Services  
Directorate of Administration

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